

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H4797**

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TO:	The Honorable Daniel T. "Dan" Cooper, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Motor Vehicle Accident Fees		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill provides that a municipality or county, or unit or agency of it, may not impose a fee or seek reimbursement of costs or expenses incurred as a result of responding to a motor vehicle accident.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund of the State with the adoption of this Bill. There is no impact on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

The FIST network of local governments was surveyed to determine the impact of this Bill. Four counties responded and each indicated this Bill would have a significant financial impact on them. Most counties have EMS agencies. This Bill would preclude them from charging for their services when responding to a motor vehicle accident. In addition, counties indicated that air evacuations, extrication, hazardous waste cleanup and other direct costs associated with accidents could not be recovered by local governments upon enactment of this Bill.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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